Meeting called to order at 7:38 p.m.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

**Officer Reports**

**Chair: Errol Graham**

- Our current Treasurer, Bill Sive, has agreed to step down as he is overwhelmed with commitments at work and can no longer devote the time he needs to as Treasurer of SPMA. Errol thanked Bill for his efforts as our Treasurer over the past year, and said that he has been looking for someone to take over the position. **MSP: to accept Bill Sive’s resignation as Treasurer.** **MSP: to accept Bob Eberwine as our interim Treasurer.** Errol thanked Bob for accepting the position and taking on the duties and responsibilities of SPMA Treasurer.
- Errol has appointed Connie Barrett as chair of SPMA’s Marketing Committee. Connie will be polling the current committee members to get input from people as to which direction we think the committee should be going in terms of marketing so that she can start developing goals and planning for those goals.
Vice Chair: Mark Moore

- We had a recognized meet in Palm Desert (Senior Games), and we are having problems getting the results in the proper format. However we are working on that.
- Our meets have been going well and the SCY Championship meet in La Mirada now has online registration available. Our LCM season is looking good and Mark is waiting on a sanction form for Santa Barbara.
- A discussion was held in regards to requiring online meet registration for pool meets. Currently we do not require online registration although we do encourage it, and the majority of our meet hosts do offer online registration. MSP: Starting in 2012, all meet hosts are required to offer online registration. (It was noted that participation in the discussion about possibly requiring online registration should not have included Dan Wegner due to a conflict of interest and possible financial gain with Club Assistant, and at that point Dan offered to excuse himself from the call. It was also mentioned that a meet host may choose any service they wish for online meet registration). MSP: The Meet Operations Committee (Mark, Trisha, and Kim) has the discretion to waive the new requirement of requiring meet hosts to offer online meet registration.
- Mark will also have the meet form for La Mirada changed to reflect the age group of the swimmers for the meet is based on the swimmer’s age on the last day of the meet rather than the first day as it currently reads.

Secretary: Mary Hull
No report.

Treasurer: Bill Sive
Not on the call. Report was submitted in writing and posted on the website.

Member at Large: Jacquie Cole
Jacquie stated that she will answer questions if anyone has any concerns or direct you to who could answer your question.

Contractor Reports

Registrar: Dan Wegner
Dan posted his report on the website.
- Dan created a list to provide to clubs that shows a current list of registered members. This is a great tool for the clubs to use to encourage membership. The national office liked this idea so much that they are now using it as well.
- Dan also discussed the fees involved and delivery dates for the possible insert of our newsletter into the national magazine. MSP: That SPMA go forward with a primarily electronic newsletter from now on and send hard copy newsletters to any member who doesn’t have an email address, and also new registrants and those who request a printed copy be sent to them.
[See separate report]
Newsletter Editor: Kim Thornton
Kim should have the online version of the May/June newsletter completed by April 30.

Top Ten Recorder: Mary Beth Windrath
Mary Beth submitted her report in writing and also let us know about the change in how a record certificate will be given.
[See separate report]

Committee Reports

Coaches Committee: Christine Maki
- Swim Fest will take place May 21-22 and there will be a coaches’ round table meeting on May 20 hosted by the USMS Coaches Committee. A discussion was held on the possibility of SPMA giving a stipend to a coach or coaches to attend the ASCA level 1 and 2 courses at the ASCA world clinic or Swim Fest. In the past SPMA has paid the registration fee for the SPMA Coach of the Year. It was decided that at this point we would extend the offer to pay the $50.00 registration fee to last year’s Coach of the Year Chad Durieux.
- Christine has encouraged clubs to submit their coaches for SPMA Coach of the Year Award consideration. The sub-committee for choosing Coach of the Year is Christine, Errol, and Trisha, and they are reviewing the candidates and the nominations that were submitted. Trisha will purchase the award and the award will be presented at SPMA’s SCY Championships in La Mirada.
- Christine was not able to attend the Open Water Safety Conference in March and is not seeking reimbursement of the registration fee or the airfare.

Officials Committee: Robert Mitchell
Not on the call. No report.

Open Water Committee: Rebekah Olsen
- Bekah reported on the Open Water Safety Conference in San Francisco in March. It was very beneficial and a lot of great ideas were shared. Bekah was particularly interested in the way other groups score and track points for their open water events, and she is going to implement those methods to the incomplete results we have from last year.
- A discussion was held in regards to a swim event (OptimisSport Distance Swim Challenge) put on last year by L.A. Tri Club. The event offered a 12.6-, 4.8-, 2.4-, and 1.2-mile swim and requested a sanction from SPMA at the last minute. After the swim, Mark and Bekah decided that they would recommend not giving them a sanction again as the event did not follow SPMA rules, there was no separation between USA swimmers and USMS swimmers, and there were no separate awards for USMS swimmers. Should we issue a sanction for this year’s event, would a higher sanction fee or having a two-year probation period make a difference? We could issue a probationary sanction that we would retract if our goals/rules are not
Last year the Don Burns Corona del Mar Swim was the regional championship for open water, we will have to put this year’s swim up for bid.

**Sports Medicine Committee: Jessica Seaton**
Jessica wrote an article on water temperatures that will be in the May/June newsletter. She will submit an article on asthma for the following issue.

**Meet Coordinator/Quartermaster/Meet Awards: Trisha Commons**
- Meet update: USMS Short Course Nationals is in Arizona is coming up (April 28-30, and May 1). SPMA Short Course Yards Championships at La Mirada (May 13-15).
- At the April meeting of SCPPOA, the topic was on UV treatment.
- The medals and ribbons have been ordered for the LCM season and we should be good for the remainder of the year. The SPMA Male Swimmer of the Year for 2010 will be presented at the SPMA Championships in La Mirada next month.

**New Club Coordinator: Jacque Cole**
No report.

**Webmaster: Chris Lundie**
Chris was also at the Open Water Safety Conference in San Francisco and said that the seminars will be posted online in the near future. Dan is taking care of updates for our webpage. Anyone who sees any corrections that should be made to the website should let Dan know.

**Old Business:**
SPMA name change to SPMS. Jacque and Mark will work with the new interim Treasurer Bob on the name change.

**New Business:**
Errol stated that SPMA will be eligible to send nine delegates to the USAS Convention in September based on the number of members that SPMA had in 2011. Our requirement for committee members to be considered as delegates is based on having attended half or more of the last twelve meetings. The following people are eligible to be nominated: Errol Graham, Mark Moore, Chris Lundie, Michael Collins, Trisha Commons, Susan Shore, Jacqueline Cole, Connie Barrett, Robert Mitchell, Christie Ciraulo, Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno, Rob Dumouchel, Bill Sive, Julie Heather. Automatic delegates (by virtue of the positions they hold at the national level) are Michael Heather, Jessica Seaton, and Mary Hull. Errol, Mark, Chris, Susan, Connie, Trisha, Robert,
and Michael Collins were nominated be delegates to the USAS convention this year. Jacquie declined.

**MSP:** that Errol, Mark, Chris, Susan, Connie, Trisha, Robert, and Michael Collins be SPMA delegates to the USMS Convention this year. Rebekah Olsen and Christine Maki also expressed an interest in going to the convention. We will have a vote at the next meeting and Errol will submit the other name for an at-large delegate spot.

Next meeting date: Thursday, May 19th, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.